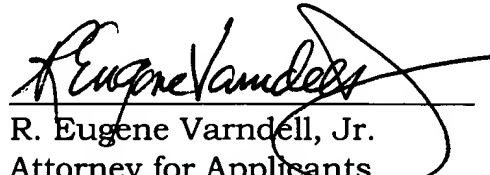


Applicant hereby elects the Group I invention. Claims 1 and 2 read on the elected invention.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Official Action mailed September 14, 2001. Early consideration and allowance of Claims 1 and 2 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which may become due, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

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